

Recorded statement on October 5, 1976, with [REDACTED]
at the Federal Penitentiary in Atlanta, Georgia.

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[REDACTED]: b7c [REDACTED], before I turned this thing on we were talking a little bit about Lee Harvey Oswald and your relationship with him. I wonder if you would just kind of in a narrative way explain for the purpose of this recording what your relationship was with him and what transpired in the Texas court actions.

[REDACTED] Well, I met Oswald in 1959, before he went to the USSR.

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I met him in New Orleans, Louisiana. And he went to Russia and when he came back from Russia I had a post office box in Big Flat, Arkansas, and I was incarcerated in Harris County Jail at the time, well soon after he came back. But he corresponded with me and he indicated that he was what you call an informant for the American Central Intelligence Agency in regards to Russians in the Dallas area, community, Dallas and Fort Worth community. And in his letter he, letters, he mentioned that the, an FBI Agent by the name of Austie (phonetic) helped him secure a job at the Texas Schoolbook Depository in Texas as a stock boy. What else ... stop it.

[REDACTED]: You want me to stop it?

[REDACTED]: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Okay.

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[REDACTED]: Yeah.

[REDACTED]: Anyways, in 1964, while I was awaiting trial in Texas on charges of arson, the United States Government filed on me

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And subsequently the Federal Government made a deal with me that they would drop the charges if I pled guilty to the State charges of arson, which I would receive a five year sentence. Well I agreed and, well they agreed I should say, and they dropped the charges and I pled guilty to the arson charges and was given a five year sentence on seven counts to run concurrent. Came 1966, well actually even before then, I wrote to my mother from 1964 to about 1966 many, many letters concerning the Kennedy assassination and Lee Harvey Oswald and his inferences to his working for the American Central Intelligence Agency. His remarks were that he either cooperated with the United States Government or they threatened to deport his wife back to the USSR. Anyway, when I was about to get out of the penitentiary in Texas, the Federal Government picked up the Federal charges and indicted me. They ...

[REDACTED]:

What was the indictment specifically for Art?

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Threatening the life of Lyndon Baines Johnson, President of the United States, three counts. The witnesses against me were a lifer by the name of [REDACTED]. And the threats occurred, allegedly occurred while I was in the Harris County Jail awaiting trial. Well, the Government subsequently brought me to trial and they withdrew one of the counts. They said their witnesses wasn't available on that one particular count. And they tried me before a jury and during the trial they brought up Lee Harvey Oswald, which of course my attorney objected to. They referred to me as another Lee Harvey Oswald. And, but subsequently I

[REDACTED] b7c Springfield, Missouri. They wanted to put me on an open psychiatric ward with no treatment. But since I had been found competent to stand trial, the Judge ruled against that. So they attempted to refile the count that they had withdrawn on the indictment. And my attorney then jumped up and said, well if they want a trial on that count, we'll bring down a few people from Washington, D.C. and show why they really want to commit me to the mental institution.

[REDACTED] b7c And why would have that been [REDACTED]?

[REDACTED] b7c Because of my knowledge of the Kennedy assassination and because I was on friendly terms with Lee Harvey Oswald and many stories have been written about conspiracies, and this, that and the other about whether Oswald could have actually fired the three shots in about five seconds with a bolt action rifle. And etc., etc. But all the stories that have been written about Oswald have been written by people who never knew him personally. And the Federal Government has introduced what they purport to be a diary written in his own handwriting. They say that he was of below average intelligence and this, that and the other and had mental problems, but no one has ever for instance the Government has never shown the tests that Oswald had to take in order to join the United States Marines. And back in those days they didn't have, you know, lax tests like they have nowadays. This was before the civil rights and all that other jazz. And in order to get in the U.S. Marines you had to really be on the ball. Psychiatrically as well as ...

Anything else that you think would be helpful with reference

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in reference that Government was, is so interested in keeping me locked up is that I told my mother back in '65 to take two letters that she had in her possession written by Oswald and to take them to New Orleans and put one of them in my uncle's safe, which is located at the [REDACTED], a bar in New Orleans, and another letter in the safe of my cousin-in-law, Mr. [REDACTED] (phonetic). Well soon upon my mother's return from New Orleans, both places were burglarized and not only was just the money taken out of the safe but so were all the papers and other documents; books, records, everything, which does seem unusual.

[REDACTED]: Was that both safes or just one?

[REDACTED]: Both. Both places were burglarized.

[REDACTED]: These documents that you have now, do they include names of CIA Agents and what have you?

[REDACTED]: Yes they do.

[REDACTED]: All right. Anything else you want to add with reference to this Lee Harvey Oswald business?

[REDACTED]: Well, he wasn't a crackpot in my opinion. He was not mentally ill either. He did have a few quirks I should think. But as to whether he could actually pull the trigger on a rifle, it can be done because I've done it with a 30.06, fired a 30.06 in less than five seconds, three shots. And they show you, you know where he was, I mean they've shown movies where they've tried to duplicate the feat. But in all the movies they show, they show the person just firing the rifle, firing it the way you would normally hold one, with your finger right hand on the trigger. And then you take it off the trigger and

[REDACTED] the bolt at all times, and that way you don't have to take your hand off the trigger.

[REDACTED]: And you figure maybe that's what Oswald did?

[REDACTED]: If he did it at all, but I don't believe he did it.

[REDACTED]: Who do you believe did it [REDACTED]? b7c

[REDACTED]: I believe that the CIA did it.

[REDACTED]: Hired someone to do it, or did it themselves?

[REDACTED]: Well, they may have hired someone to do it, but, and used Oswald as a fall guy, 'cause they set him up right there on the spot, and, it couldn't seem plausible that he would hide the rifle unless he intended to come back for it. And, not only that but Kennedy was a Catholic and just two weeks prior, or three weeks prior to his assassination, another Catholic was also assassinated. And that was the leader of South Viet Nam, Diem (phonetic). And it's my belief that the reason Kennedy was assassinated was that Diem wanted to turn South Viet Nam into a, sort of like a Catholic state, all of Viet Nam. And Kennedy was, most probably wanted to send more advisors over there who were Catholics rather than Protestants. And that way she'll have good Catholic boys fight in the field and so forth and so on. Convert a lot of Buddhists.

[REDACTED]: Okay. Anything else on this subject you want to add?

[REDACTED]: No.

[REDACTED]: Okay, let's turn this off.

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MRZYM CALLED & I LEFT IMM

FOR THE COAST. MEET AT H.Q. AS YC

OSWALD IS OUT OF THE WAY NOW. RUBY U

INJECTED WITH T₂KL & WITH NO MEMO

LEFT INTACT. GOOD LUCK. VIVE HTZOY!

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